



Guide to **Roofing**
Materials and Design



When major repairs are needed to your home's roofing or exterior, you need to know you have control over the process.

You should feel empowered to make informed decisions about these critical moments in the life of your home.

Unfortunately, contractors don't always take time to fully educate you on your options, which leaves you feeling cut out of the process. We believe you deserve every last bit of information needed to make the best decisions for your home.

At NV Roofing, we know how important it is to be an **active partner** in protecting your investment, and we've spent more than 50 years sharing our expertise with clients. We make sure you know exactly what's happening and what your options are every step of the way.



Speaking of Options...

One of the first steps in educating homeowners is helping them sort out the many options available for replacing your roof. There are far more than you may think!



ECO-FRIENDLY

- Slate Roof Tiles / Slate Roofing
- Cedar Shingles / Cedar Shakes Roof



COST-EFFECTIVE

- Asphalt Shingles / Asphalt Roofing
- Architectural Shingles / Dimensional Shingles / Laminate Shingles



METAL ROOFING

- Standing Seam Metal Roofing
- Tin and Aluminum Roofing
- Copper Roofing
- Steel Roofing



SPECIALTY ROOFING

- Tile Roofing
- Conservatory Roofs



It's a little overwhelming, isn't it?

Don't worry. We love this stuff. In fact, we've guided more than 40,000 customers in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and Washington D.C. through the stressful process of roofing and exterior repair.

So, hang on tight. We'll walk you through each option. If you see

something that feels right, you can find more information on our website or reach out to us direct.

You deserve to make the most informed and confident decisions for your home, so let's get started.

Eco-Friendly



SLATE ROOFING

Slate Roof tiles are a beautiful and long-lasting option for your home.

- They're made of 100% natural stone
- They're extremely durable. With proper care, it's possible for a slate roof to last 150 years or more!
- Slate Roof tiles are even fireproof!



Slate tiles are environmentally friendly.

- Because they're made of natural stone, they don't give off VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds) or other pollution during manufacturing.
- Slate tiles are recyclable.
- They also lower energy costs due to the insulation they provide.

Things to Consider

While the benefits for slate roof tiles are many, it's important to understand that they may not be right for every home.

- They are a beautiful, but fairly costly option.
- Slate can be tricky for inexperienced installers, so it's crucial to work with a company that has experience with these materials.
- Being made of stone, the weight of Slate Roof Tiles may not be a good fit for every home.





CEDAR ROOFING

Cedar roofing is a beautiful, classic option for many homes.

- They provide a beautiful and authentic look.
- They're fairly easy to install and repair.
- Cedar roofing is often a more affordable option.

Cedar roofing is a more sustainable option.

- Many shingles come from sustainable forests.
- Cedar shingles are able to be recycled or repurposed.
- If discarded, they're biodegradable!

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- Because they're made of wood, cedar roofing is flammable.
- You have to be sure to and maintain your cedar roof to preserve its longevity.
- Cedar roofing needs to be restored every 10 or so years.
- While affordable to install, cedar roof maintenance costs add up over time.

Cost-Effective



ASPHALT SHINGLES/ASPHALT ROOFING

Asphalt shingles (or composite shingles) are probably the most common type of roofing material chosen for new roof installations today.

- They're one of the least expensive options available.
- You can choose from a wide variety of colors!
- They're a very low maintenance option.
- Asphalt shingles are very easy to install.

Things to Consider

- They're not as durable as other available options.
- Asphalt shingles typically have a shorter lifespan - around 20 years.
- They can be damaged in bad weather.



ARCHITECTURAL SHINGLES

Architectural Shingles are actually a type of asphalt shingle. More and more people are opting for this longer-lasting and better-looking option.

- Architectural shingles are designed to resemble other materials like slate or cedar.
- They're more durable than other asphalt shingles.
- The lifespan of architectural shingles is around 25-30 years; potentially as long as 40!

Things to Consider

- While more durable than a basic asphalt shingle, architectural shingles are still vulnerable to weather conditions.
- They're more expensive than basic asphalt; but factoring their longevity, the difference in price may not be the drawback that it first appears to be.

Metal Roofing



STANDING SEAM METAL ROOFING

Long popular in commercial roofing, stand seam metal roofs are gaining in popularity among residential projects.

- They look cool!
- They're durable.
- They come in a variety of colors.
- They help keep your home cooler.
- They last up to 50 years!

Things to Consider

- It can be difficult to find a professional with experience installing this option.
- They can't be installed on flatter roofs.
- They are more expensive than other options.



TIN & ALUMINUM ROOFING

As metal roofs gain in popularity, there's been more demand for materials that have fallen out of fashion over the years but still offer great value.

Tin Roofing has come a long way and can be a great option.

- It's fairly inexpensive.
- It can be installed on lower-pitched roofs.
- They can last up to 60 years!

Things to Consider

- Tin isn't the most stylish option for metal roofs.
- It can be difficult to find professionals with experience working with tin roofs.

Aluminum Roofing is a newer, similar option for metal roofs.

- It's durable.
- It resists corrosion.
- It's low maintenance.
- It's reflective, helping keep your home cooler.

Things to Consider

- Aluminum can be costly, and prices fluctuate.
- It can be difficult to find professionals with experience working with aluminum roofing.
- It can't be installed on lower-pitched roofs.

COPPER ROOFING

Copper Roofing is a truly unique option that comes with a great many benefits.

- They're the most durable option. It's not uncommon for a copper roof to last for hundreds of years.
- They don't burn.
- They're extremely lightweight.
- They come in a wide variety of styles.
- Copper roofs are virtually maintenance-free.

Things to Consider

- Copper is in extremely high demand.
- The cost of copper is at an all-time high.
- It can be difficult to find roofers who can work with it.
- Copper doesn't oxidize evenly as it ages, and while some may love the patina, it may cause growing pains for others.

STEEL ROOFING

As metal roofs become more popular, steel roofing is being increasingly sought after by both roofing professionals and homeowners alike.

- It's one of the durable materials available.
- Steel is resistant to rust and corrosion as well as heat.
- It's low maintenance.
- Steel roofs can last around 60 years!

Things to Consider

- It's a pricier material.
- They can be very noisy.
- Steel roofs shift and move over time and need repairs.



Specialty Roofing



TILE ROOFING

If you're looking to capture an authentic Southwestern look and lots of curb appeal, tile roofs are a great option.

- Tile roofing is available that captures the look of natural shingle materials like cedar or slate.
- It's fireproof!
- Tile roofs require little to no maintenance.
- They have a lifespan around 50 years!

Things to Consider

- While the tile itself lasts a long time, the underlayment necessary for these roofs needs to be replaced every 20 years.
- Tile roofs are both incredibly heavy and fragile, so they must be treated with a great deal of care when working on them.



CONSERVATORY ROOFS

Over time, the definition of conservatory roofs and the related building codes have changed, giving you more options than ever before.

GLASS

- Maintain the traditional look of your conservatory with higher quality materials.

ALUMINUM

- Achieves a more modern look for your conservatory.

While each option is aesthetically unique, all of them...

- Provide better insulation to the room, making it more comfortable year-round.
- Are easier to care for and maintain.
- Are lightweight!
- Don't require you to change the structure of the room.
- Help to reduce glare.

WHICH MATERIAL WILL YOU CHOOSE?

As you've toured through your options, the main considerations for roofing materials are probably similar to what you expected.

Budget

- Curb Appeal
- Effectiveness
- Longevity
- Availability of Materials and/or Qualified Labor to Install Specialty Materials

What you may not have expected was the wide range of options. Professional guidance makes all the difference in addressing the details and answering the questions you didn't know to ask!

NV Roofing's tradesmen have deep experience and expertise. Most of our team members have been repairing roofing, siding, windows, gutters, and doors for 15-20 years.

They're also fully trained on the latest methods and materials. Our team maintains highest certifications with all leading manufacturers, including GAF and CertainTeed. They can help you compare the most advanced options along with the tried and true.

HERE'S WHAT THE PROCESS LOOKS LIKE.

Understand Your Options – Gain a clear understanding of what your home needs and make a confident decision on the path forward.

Stay Informed – Have a clear, open line of communication with your project lead and full transparency about your progress.

Live in Confidence – Know you've made the right decisions to protect your investment and find peace of mind from your warranty coverage.

You should never have to feel cut out of the home repair process or wonder if you've made the right decisions. Instead, enjoy a trusted relationship with a contractor who guides you through a low-stress process to remarkable results.



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